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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development held its third session at United Nations Headquarters from 4 to 22 April 1994. The Committee held 11 meetings (24th to 34th). The Preparatory Committee decided to establish two Working Groups, which held a number of informal meetings.

2. The Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development opened the session and made a statement.

3. The Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development made a statement.

4. A statement was also made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis.

B. Attendance

5. The following States attended the session: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. The observers for Niue, Palau and the United States Virgin Islands, associate members of regional commissions, attended the session.

7. The following Secretariat units were represented: United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), Economic Commission for Africa, Economic Commission for Europe and Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

8. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, International Fund for Agricultural Development and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

9. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Arab Labour Organization, Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, Commission of the European Communities, International Food Policy Research Institute, International Organization for Migration, League of Arab States, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Organization of African Unity, Organization of the Islamic Conference, South Pacific Commission and South Pacific Forum Secretariat.

10. A large number of non-governmental organizations attended the session. The non-governmental organizations accredited to the Preparatory Committee are listed in document A/CONF.171/PC/6 and Add.1-5.

C. Officers

11. The officers of the Preparatory Committee, as elected at its second session, were as follows:

Chairman: Fred Sai (Ghana)

Vice-Chairmen: Lionel A. Hurst (Antigua and Barbuda)
Mauro Couto (Brazil)
Tauno Kääriä (Finland)
Andras Klinger (Hungary)
Usha Vohra (India)
Abdullah Cholil (Indonesia)
Nicolaas H. Biegman (Netherlands)
Maymouna Diop (Senegal)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Jerzy Z. Holzer (Poland)

Ex officio: Nabil A. Elaraby (Egypt)

12. At the 24th meeting, on 4 April, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Preparatory Committee decided to establish two working groups to consider item 7 of the agenda (Draft final document of the Conference) and designated Lionel A. Hurst (Antigua and Barbuda) and Nicolaas H. Biegman (Netherlands) Chairmen of Working Group I and Working Group II, respectively.

13. Working Group I, at its 1st meeting, on 6 April, elected three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. The Bureau of Working Group I was thus as follows:

Chairman: Lionel A. Hurst (Antigua and Barbuda)

Vice-Chairmen: M. A. Quist-Therson (Ghana)
Suhendan Ekni (Turkey)
Mahbub Ahmed (Pakistan)

Rapporteur: Karel Zebrakovsky (Czech Republic)

14. Working Group II, at its 1st to 3rd meetings, on 6 and 7 April, elected three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. The Bureau of Working Group II was thus as follows:

Chairman: Nicolaas H. Biegman (Netherlands)

Vice-Chairmen: A. B. Sulaiman (Nigeria)
Lars-Olof Edström (Sweden)
Halida Hanum Akhter (Bangladesh)

Rapporteur: René Pereira (Bolivia)

D. Agenda

15. At its 24th meeting, on 4 April, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda contained in document A/CONF.171/PC/1, as amended by the Chairman. The agenda, as amended, was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Conference and its preparatory process.

3. Preparations for the Conference.

4. Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference.

5. Review and appraisal of progress made towards the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action.

6. National reports of countries on their population situation, policies and programmes.

7. Draft final document of the Conference.

8. Provisional agenda and proposed organization of work of the Conference.

9. Other matters.

10. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session.

E. Documentation

16. A list of the documents before the Preparatory Committee at its third session is contained in annex II.

II. ACCREDITATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AND ITS PREPARATORY PROCESS

17. The Preparatory Committee considered item 2 of its agenda at its 24th and 33rd meetings, on 4 and 22 April. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on the accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Conference and its preparatory process (A/CONF.171/PC/6 and Add.1-5).

18. At the same meetings, the Preparatory Committee decided to accredit those non-governmental organizations listed in documents A/CONF.171/PC/6 and Add.1-5 to participate in the sessions of the Preparatory Committee and in the Conference (see annex I, decision 3/1).

III. GENERAL DISCUSSION

19. At its 24th to 29th meetings, from 4 to 6 April, the Preparatory Committee held a general discussion on items 3 (Preparations for the Conference), 4 (Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference), 5 (Review and appraisal of progress made towards the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action), 6 (National reports of countries on their population situation, policies and programmes) and 7 (Draft final document of the Conference). The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Progress report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the preparations for the International Conference on Population and Development (A/CONF.171/PC/2) (item 3);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the fourth review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action (A/CONF.171/PC/3) (item 5);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference containing a synthesis of national reports of countries on their population situation, policies and programmes (A/CONF.171/PC/4) (item 6);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General containing the draft programme of action of the Conference (A/CONF.171/PC/5) (item 7);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference containing a synthesis of the regional meetings or conferences, convened as part of the

substantive preparations for the Conference (A/CONF.171/PC/7 and Add.1) (item 3);

(f) Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.171/PC/8) (item 4).

20. At the 24th meeting, on 4 April, the Secretary-General of the Conference made an introductory statement.

21. Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Greece (on behalf of the European Community), Egypt, China, Japan and Antigua and Barbuda.

22. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: International Planned Parenthood Federation and Population Action International.

23. At the 25th meeting, on 4 April, statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador, Trinidad and Tobago, Australia and Botswana.

24. The representative of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific made a statement.

25. Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Bank.

26. The representative of the International Food Policy Research Institute made a statement.

27. Statements were made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: Non-Governmental Planning Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development, Population Council, Women's Environment and Development Organization, Japanese Federation of Parliamentarians on Population and Development, Centre for Reproductive Law and Policy, Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development, Ecology Task Force, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and International Union for the Scientific Study of Population.

28. At the 26th meeting, on 5 April, statements were made by the representatives of Paraguay, Canada, the United States of America, the Philippines, Nicaragua, Switzerland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Croatia, Malawi, the Holy See, Argentina, Ghana and Brazil.

29. The representative of the World Health Organization made a statement.

30. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: Independent Commission on Population and Quality of Life, Zero Population Growth, Youth Delegates for Population, Information and Communication and Family Care International.

31. At the 27th meeting, on 5 April, statements were made by the representatives of India, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Peru, Bangladesh, Micronesia (also on behalf of the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu), Nepal, Mexico, Venezuela, Austria, Indonesia, Bolivia, Estonia (also on behalf of Latvia and Lithuania), Namibia and Romania.

32. The representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization made a statement.

33. Statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations: International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres, Association for Voluntary Surgical Contraception, International Right to Life Federation, National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association and Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN).

34. At the 28th meeting, on 5 April, statements were made by the representatives of Thailand, Jamaica, Pakistan, Mali, Jordan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Myanmar, Guinea-Bissau, Turkey, Uganda, Afghanistan, Benin, the Republic of Korea, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and the Czech Republic.

35. The representative of the Organization of African Unity made a statement.

36. Statements were made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development, World Alliance for the Family, Family Life Council, Global Legislators for a Balanced Environment and Four Directions Council.

37. At the 29th meeting, on 6 April, statements were made by the representatives of Albania, the Sudan, Mauritania, Cameroon, Burundi, Kenya, Malaysia, Equatorial Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Angola, Niger and Senegal.

38. Statements were made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

39. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: Population Institute, Youth Consultation for the International Conference on Population and Development, Sierra Club, American Life League, Pacific Islands Association of Non-governmental Organizations and World Organization of the Ovulation Method.

IV. PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CONFERENCE

40. At the 34th meeting, on 22 April, the Committee considered item 4 of its agenda. It had before it a note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.171/PC/8).

41. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee awarded the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, as follows:

Rule 1 and rule 47

The words "and the European Community" were inserted after the word "Conference";

Rule 3

The words "or, in the case of the European Community, by the President of the European Commission" were inserted after the words "Minister for Foreign Affairs";

Rule 24

Paragraph 1

The words "or of the European Community" were inserted after the word "Conference";

Paragraph 3

The words "or of the European Community" were inserted after the word "State";

Rule 52, subparagraph (d)

The words "provided that they are representatives of participating States" were added at the end of the subparagraph;

Rule 63

The words "Save where otherwise specifically provided with respect to the European Community in these rules of procedure" were inserted at the beginning of the paragraph.

42. The Committee decided to transmit the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference contained in document A/CONF.171/PC/8, as orally amended, to the General Assembly for approval (see annex I, decision 3/2).

V. DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE CONFERENCE

43. At its 30th to 34th meetings, from 20 to 22 April 1994, the Committee considered item 7 of its agenda. It had before a note by the Secretary-General containing the draft programme of action of the Conference (A/CONF.171/PC/5) and revised chapters of the draft programme of action of the Conference submitted by the Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Lionel Hurst (Antigua and Barbuda) (Working Group I) and Mr. Nicolaas Biegman (Netherlands) (Working Group II), on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.171/PC/5 (A/CONF.171/PC/L.3-10 and Add.1 and L.11-16), as well as two informal papers containing revised versions of chapters I and II.

44. At the same meetings, the Committee approved the chapters of the draft programme of action of the Conference contained in documents A/CONF.171/PC/L.3-10 and Add.1 and L.11-16 and in the two informal papers, as orally amended during the discussion, and agreed to transmit them to the Conference for further consideration (see annex I, decision 3/3).

45. During the discussions, the following delegations expressed reservations: Guatemala on chapter II, principles 7 and 8; Guatemala, the Holy See and Honduras on the use of the word "contraceptives" in chapter V; Argentina, the Holy See and Honduras on the use of the words "couples and individuals" in paragraphs 7.2, 7.14, 7.17, 7.18 and 7.21 (a); the Holy See on the use of the words "contraceptive supply" and "barriers" in paragraphs 7.8, 7.11, 7.17 and 7.18; Guatemala on chapter VII; India on the use of the word "increased" in paragraph 10.3; Guatemala on paragraphs 11.5 (c), 11.11, 11.12, 11.14, 11.15 (b), 11.16 and 11.21; Guatemala, the Holy See, Honduras and Malta on paragraph 11.15 (d); the Holy See on the use of the word "contraceptive" in paragraph 12.15; Guatemala on paragraphs 12.11 (a), 12.12, 12.14 and 12.17; the Holy See on paragraph 13.14 (c) and on the use of the word "individuals" in paragraph 13.15 (a), pending clarification of whether "individuals" included adolescents.

VI. PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

46. At the 34th meeting, on 22 April, the Committee considered item 8 of its agenda. It had before it a note by the Secretariat entitled "Draft provisional agenda, proposed programme of work and other organizational matters" (A/CONF.171/PC/L.2), which contained a number of recommendations.

47. At the same meeting, following a proposal by the representative of Egypt, the Committee approved the provisional agenda of the Conference, with the addition of an item entitled "Other matters", and the recommendations concerning the proposed programme of work and other organizational matters (see annex I, decision 3/4).

VII. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON ITS THIRD SESSION

48. At the 34th meeting, on 22 April, the Committee adopted its draft report, as introduced and orally revised by the Rapporteur, Mr. Jerzy Z. Holzer (Poland).

ANNEX I

Decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its third session

Decision 3/1. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the International Conference on Population and Development and its preparatory process

At its 24th and 33rd meetings, on 4 and 22 April 1994, the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/4 of 12 February 1993, in which the Council decided on a procedure for accrediting non-governmental organizations to attend sessions of the Preparatory Committee and the Conference, decided to approve the non-governmental organizations listed in document A/CONF.171/PC/6 and Add.1-5.

Decision 3/2. Transmittal of the provisional rules of procedure of the International Conference on Population and Development to the General Assembly

At its 34th meeting, on 22 April 1994, the Preparatory Committee decided to transmit the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference contained in document A/CONF.171/PC/8, as orally amended, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, for approval.

Decision 3/3. Draft final document of the International Conference on Population and Development

At its 30th to 34th meetings, from 20 to 22 April 1994, the Preparatory Committee approved the chapters of the draft programme of action of the Conference, contained in documents A/CONF.171/PC/L.3-10 and Add.1 and L.11-16 and in two informal papers, orally amended during the discussion, and agreed to transmit them to the Conference for further consideration.

Decision 3/4. Provisional agenda of the International Conference on Population and Development, programme of work and other organizational matters

At its 34th meeting, on 22 April 1994, the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development, having considered the note by the Secretariat (A/CONF.171/PC/L.2), decided:

A

Provisional agenda of the Conference

1. To approve the following provisional agenda of the Conference:

1. Opening of the Conference.

2. Election of the President.

3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.

4. Adoption of the agenda.

5. Election of officers other than the President.

6. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee of the Conference.

7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:

(a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

8. Experiences concerning population and development strategies and programmes.

9. Programme of Action of the Conference.

10. Other matters.

11. Adoption of the report of the Conference.

B

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

2. To recommend that, in conformity with rule 4 of the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.171/PC/8), the Conference appoint Austria, the Bahamas, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Mauritius, the Russian Federation, Thailand and the United States of America as members of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that if a State is not present, the Conference will replace that State by another State from the same regional group, as designated by that group.

C

Organization of meetings

3. To recommend:

(a) That items 1-8, 10 and 11 of the provisional agenda of the Conference be allocated to the plenary and item 9 to the Main Committee and that negotiations on the draft programme of action of the Conference be carried out in the Main Committee while the general debate is taking place in plenary meeting.

(b) That, in order to enable the Conference to expedite its work and conclude on time:

(i) Meetings normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and start punctually;

(ii) The general debate on item 8 (Experiences concerning population and development strategies and programmes) be held in plenary meeting, starting on Monday, 5 September and concluding by Friday, 9 September; that during the debate, each delegation be given the opportunity to make a brief statement on its national experience in the population and development field, taking as the basis of its statement the draft Programme of Action of the Conference, the report of the Secretary-General on the fourth review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action and the national report issued in preparation of the Conference;

(iii) There be no general debate in the Main Committee; that the Main Committee formulate its recommendations on item 9 (Programme of Action of the Conference) based on the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee and taking into consideration the reports of the Secretary-General on the fourth review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action and national experiences concerning population and development strategies and programmes; and that the Main Committee start its work at 3 p.m. on Monday, 5 September and conclude by Friday, 9 September;

(iv) The list of speakers for the general debate on item 8 be closed at noon on Wednesday, 7 September at the venue of the Conference;

(v) Statements in the general debate on item 8 be limited to seven minutes for the representatives of each State and three minutes for other participants, because of time constraints;

(vi) Statements in exercise of the right of reply be made at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item; that the number of interventions in exercise of the right of reply for any delegation at a given meeting be limited to two per

item, the first intervention to be limited to three minutes and the second to two minutes.

D

Date for opening the list of speakers for the general debate on agenda item 8

4. To recommend that the list of speakers for the general debate on item 8 be opened at United Nations Headquarters at 10 a.m. on 3 August 1994.

E

Adoption of the report of the Conference

5. To recommend that, in accordance with practice followed at previous United Nations conferences:

(a) The report of the Conference consists of the decisions of the Conference; a brief account of the proceedings and a repertorial account of the work of the Main Committee and of the action taken on its recommendations in plenary meeting;

(b) Each regional group be requested to designate, before the opening of the Conference, two persons to serve as friends of the Rapporteur-General, who will assist in preparing the draft report of the Conference.

F

Officers to be elected by the Main Committee

6. To recommend that agreement on a slate of candidates for the three Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur of the Main Committee (see rule 46 of the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.171/PC/8)) be reached before the opening of the Conference, thus permitting elections by acclamation and dispensing with the requirement of a secret ballot.

ANNEX II

List of documents before the Preparatory Committee at its third session

Document symbol	Agenda item	Title or description
A/CONF.171/PC/1	1	Provisional agenda
A/CONF.171/PC/2	3	Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on progress in the preparations for the Conference
A/CONF.171/PC/3	5	Report of the Secretary-General on the fourth review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action
A/CONF.171/PC/4	6	Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference containing a synthesis of national reports of countries on their population situation, policies and programmes
A/CONF.171/PC/5	7	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the draft final document of the Conference
A/CONF.171/PC/6 and Add.1-5	2	Note by the Secretariat proposing additional non-governmental organizations for accreditation to the Conference and its preparatory process
A/CONF.171/PC/7 and Add.1	3	Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference synthesizing the results of regional and subregional population conferences
A/CONF.171/PC/8	4	Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference
A/CONF.171/PC/L.1	1	Note by the secretariat of the Conference on the proposed organization of work of the Preparatory Committee
A/CONF.171/PC/L.2	8	Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda, proposed programme of work and other organizational matters

Document symbol	Agenda item	Title or description
A/CONF.171/PC/L.3-10 and Add.1 and L.11-16	7	Draft final document of the Conference, submitted by the Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Lionel Hurst (Antigua and Barbuda) (Working Group I) and Mr. Nicolaas Biegman (Netherlands) (Working Group II), on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.171/PC/5